

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-23, 33-52, drawn to managing valuable document, classified in class 705, subclass 64;

Group II, claims 24-32, drawn to data structure for storing two dimensional coordinate, classified in class 382, subclass 181; and

Group III, claim 53, drawn to printing authenticated currency, classified in class 382, subclass 154.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-23, 33-52.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement. While the Examiner summarizes the reasons in support for restrictability of combination and subcombination groups generally, the Examiner has stated no specifics to support his position that the groups identified in the outstanding Office Action are in fact combination and subcombination, or properly restrictable. The Examiner has not explained which group is believed to be the combination and which groups are considered the subcombinations of his apparent combination and subcombination

restriction requirement. All of the Examiner's statements concerning the restriction requirement are conclusory there being no factual statements supporting the assertive restrictability. Consequently, since the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* case of restriction, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is believed proper.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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